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**REMARKS**

Per our conversation last night.

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**OPTIONAL FORM 41 (Rev. 7-76)**  
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**SUBJECT:** Security Affairs Support Association  
Involvement in Government-Industry Security

**TEXT:**

1. This Agency, both unilaterally and through the DCI Security Committee, has become aware of a recent proposal of the Security Affairs Support Association (SASA). SASA reportedly seeks to act as an intermediary in disputes between the Government and its contractors in matters involving personnel security. For the reasons expressed in paragraph 4 below, the Agency does not support that proposal. In order to avoid any misunderstanding, we are expressing our concerns to you directly.

2. In a proposed SASA letter to industry it is stated that SASA has been made aware, informally, of difficulties being experienced by U. S. industry in personnel security clearance matters. Many of the difficulties, according to the draft, appear to be rooted in differing interpretations of personnel security regulations. In order to help alleviate this difficulty, SASA proposes to the industry member "to embark on a tightly controlled study program to determine comprehensively, the nature and extent of existing difficulties and seek solutions with proper Government authorities."

3. SASA apparently believes that the reluctance some contractors have in expressing complaints in personnel security matters might be "overcome by having SASA act as an intermediary to process industry views on personnel security clearance problems on a completely non-attributable basis." The draft to the industry member also states that, "Your association has already sought the informal views of key Government authorities regarding our proposal and has received sufficient encouragement to warrant seeking your views before we proceed further." If the consensus from industry is that SASA should proceed, comments from industry

would be provided on a non-attributable basis to those in government whose cooperation is essential to program success, according to the SASA proposal.

4. This Agency has advised the DCI Security committee that it does not support the SASA proposal. Although we do not question the good intentions of SASA, it is believed that the methods which it proposes are not the key to effective management of security matters between the Government and its contractors. The use of an intermediary in the Government/contractor relationship may result in the creation of an unnecessary intrusion, complicating that relationship by obscuring lines of communication, and possibly breaching the confidentiality inherent in a contract between a Government agency and an industrial contractor. Therefore, contractors doing business with this Agency and who may be participating in SASA are reminded of their obligation to maintain the confidentiality of classified information concerning the Agency's projects, its security procedures and practices, and information affecting the privacy of individuals who have been nominated for Agency security accesses or approvals.

5. Addressees are also reminded that in any arena where they may be experiencing problems, this Agency reaffirms its willingness to work with them to seek solutions to those problems. It is vital to this Agency to promote and foster good working relationships with its contractors and to maintain open lines of communications. We continue to be dedicated to this effort.